

Selecting Projects for Case Studies

In late June, six projects were selected as candidates for case studies. Preliminary thinking about the selection of candidates were informed by discussions held during the First National Conference Call involving representatives of stakeholder groups from across the country. Conference call participants generally agreed with the initial criteria the Evaluation Team had put forth for discussion. However, conference call participants strongly urged that more than four candidates should be chosen, and that candidates should be somewhat advanced in terms of meeting their project objectives. Final decisions were then based upon the extent to which projects (1) represented an adequate level of geographic variability; (2) represented adequate variability in regards to the project types (e.g., economic development project, children's health project); and (3) were somewhat advanced in meeting their project objectives.

Ultimately, however, the key factor influencing the Evaluation Team's decision to perform a case study of a selected candidate will be the willingness of the community and project partners to participate. Some projects for various reasons may decline. Without the support of the community and government partners, case study development for a particular project will not go forward.